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Trey Tomlinson stands in a studio as part of a youth-driven documentary about the revitalization of a North York housing community. Story in metroNEWS.

Toronto could be their refuge

IMMIGRATION

Project aims to help those who escaped Syria settle in Canada

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A Syrian family may soon leave refugee life and settle in Toronto, thanks to a grassroots effort dedicated to fulfilling a government promise.

The First Unitarian Congregation is working with the Muslim Association of Canada to make sure the government holds true to a pledge of taking in 10,000 Syrian refugees over three years.

The government has committed to sponsoring 40 per cent of the refugees, with private groups expected to pick up the rest — making partnerships like the one between the church and mosque critical.

As of March, only about 1,300 Syrian refugees had been admitted to Canada.

For its initial project, the group chose to support Talek, Walaa and their daughters Sedana, 3, and Nawal, 1. They've been living in Lebanon for the past two years and continue to struggle for survival, said Annette Wilde, head of the sponsorship initiative at the Unitarian Congregation.

"These two kids need a proper education and a system that can provide for their health care," Wilde said.

Talek, his wife Walaa and their two daughters are hoping to move to Toronto, away from the Syrian conflict. CONTRIBUTED

The effort has raised about $40,000 for the cause — more than the $26,000 required by Citizenship and Immigration Canada for sponsoring a family of four to move to Toronto.

The family submitted its application to immigration officials in May and is waiting to hear when the visa interview process will begin. The news can't come too soon, Wilde said.

"Every day counts for the lives of these people," she said. "The more days they stay in those conditions, the more traumatized they become. We really hope the process goes through fast."

Once the family gets here, leaders of the initiative will be responsible for making sure they have housing and the means they need to survive.

The group has already started raising money to sponsor a second family, which is yet to be identified.

"These refugees are scattered around, at the mercy of the Lebanese people," said Wilde. "It's very dangerous out there for them."

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- Almost anyone who meets requirements outlined by the Canadian government can sponsor a refugee.
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Gondolas wait for liftoff

TRANSIT

Ideas for mid-air transport floating around Hamilton, T.O.

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

The City of Hamilton is gauging its residents' interest in using gondolas as part of its transportation network — an idea that's been floated in Toronto for years but hasn't quite made its way off the ground.

Hamilton city staff are consulting the public on all aspects of transportation planning, including the possibility of using a gondola to move people up and down an escarpment.

Meanwhile, a Toronto company is working with the city on its plans to build a gondola to connect the Evergreen Brickworks to ground transportation at Broadview and Danforth.

Nicholas Chu is the research director of Bullwheel International Cable Car Corp., a company that has lobbied city officials regularly since 2013 to build that gondola as a private transportation project.

"Right now, it's with the city's economic development department. They're trying to figure out how we can collaborate to make this project happen," he said.

A gondola is ideal because there are limited transportation options to get to the Evergreen Brickworks in the Don Valley, said Chu.

Chu said gondolas can also be effective as part of a city's public transportation network, as they can be cheaper to build than light rail and have the added benefit of travelling over traffic. Gondolas have become popular transportation options in South America.

WHERE THEY WORK GONDOLAS AND THEIR HANGOUTS AROUND THE WORLD

GETTY IMAGES

Medellín
Medellín, Colombia, is considered to have the world's first cable car integrated with its transit system. It has three lines and is planning to build two more. Other cities in South America — Caracas, Venezuela; La Paz, Bolivia; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, have followed its example with similar urban gondolas.

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New York
New York City has had a tramway connecting Roosevelt Island with the Upper East Side since the 1970s. It was originally intended as a temporary solution until a subway could be built, but it was popular enough that it was refurbished and re-opened in 2010 to be used as an alternative to the subway.

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London
London's Emirates Air Line crosses the River Thames. It opened just prior to the 2012 Olympics. Riders can use their transit cards to pay for it.

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Singapore
The Singapore Cable Car has the distinction of being the first gondola to build its mid-station within an existing high rise. In 1983, an oil rig struck its cable, causing a crash that killed seven people.

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Make or break for streetcars

TRANSIT

TTC planning upgrades for some, others used for parts

Chris Bateman
For Metro | Toronto

Delivery of the TTC's 204 new low-floor streetcars won't be complete until 2019, but riders of the 501 Queen and 511 Bathurst lines won't have to wait much longer for tangible improvements.

The TTC has started fitting some of its articulated streetcars with new energy-efficient LED lights, upgraded floors, fresh seats and Presto readers. It's part of a $2.4-million overhaul designed to extend the life of the 27-year-old vehicles to 2024.

Thirty of the 52 articulated streetcars will get the beauty treatment with the option available for another 10, pending funding, says Stephen Lam, head of the TTC's streetcar department. The remaining 12 will be stripped of their useful parts and scrapped.

Keeping some of the current streetcars in service will help the TTC maintain its capacity while the new streetcars continue to arrive. The first refreshed vehicles are due to hit the rails by the end of the year, Lam says.

The TTC has also started the process of scrapping its least reliable non-articulated streetcars.

"They are in bad shape," says Lam.

Some will be auctioned off in bulk to museums and collectors, but most will be broken up over the next few years.

"I feel very passionate about those cars," says Lam, "But we must move on because the major shortcoming of those cars, despite all the benefits, is it cannot provide accessibility."

SERVICE

Better way now the faster way

The TTC is boosting service on 47 bus and streetcar routes around the entire city to 10-minute-or-better frequencies — up from 20 minutes in many cases.

"It gives customers the surety they don't have to plan. It really is a turn-up-and-go service," TTC deputy CEO Chris Upfold said at Bathurst station on Monday.

"This creates a good grid of high frequency service across the network," he said.

The TTC's four subway routes are also considered a key part of that frequent service grid.

While the new off-peak frequencies are already evident on some routes, particularly streetcars, and most will be in place by the end of the year, a few won't be complete until 2016.

Most of the routes already offer 10-minute service or better during the rush hours, but much of the TTC's growth is happening in the off-peak, according to transit officials.

TTC chair Josh Colle, right, and TTC Deputy CEO Chris Upfold at the Bathurst subway station on Monday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The frequency enhancements were part of a package of service improvements announced earlier this year as part of a $95-million boost to the TTC, including free rides for children 12 and younger, and more express bus routes.

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THE TOP 10

504 King streetcar: 64,600 riders (a day)
32 Eglinton West bus: 48,700 riders
35 Jane bus: 45,700 riders
36 Finch West: 44,000 riders
52 Lawrence West bus: 43,900 riders
510 Spadina streetcar: 43,800 riders
501 Queen streetcar: 43,500 riders
29 Dufferin bus: 39,700 riders
506 Carlton streetcar: 39,600 riders
25 Don Mills bus: 39,100 riders

SOURCE: TTC

The TTC is in the process of pulling what can be salvaged from, and demolishing, old streetcars. Some of the city's articulated streetcars are getting upgrades. COURTESY STEVE GREEN

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Unarmed Verses will give the Villaways youth their voice

DOCUMENTARY

Neighbourhood destined for destruction is subject of piece

Filmmaker Charles Officer wanted the young residents of Toronto's Villaways neighbourhood to speak the loudest in Unarmed Verses, his documentary about a community in transition.

So he put them behind a microphone. On a recent rainy night, a handful of the subjects, ages 12 to 19, were filmed at Apollo Studios on King St. W., where they met to record and mix original works that will help frame the National Film Board of Canada doc that will be completed this fall.

Toronto Community Housing's Villaways is tucked into a pocket at Leslie St. and Sheppard Ave. and is "a totally marginalized, isolated community," said Officer. Like Regent Park and Don Mount Court (now Rivertowne) before it, Villaways is in transition.

The rental townhouse complex is slated for demolition and revitalization between 2016 and 2019 when a new mixed-income neighbourhood will rise on the site. Residents will be moved during construction, a fresh challenge for a community that already struggles. The kids of Villaways tell the story of their lives and their perspective on the future in Unarmed Verses as they ponder how things will change in coming years.

"Ultimately, I was trying to get at what was breaking their hearts right now as young people living in a community and … the way it's going to be revitalized," said Officer, adding he was committed to putting the doc's young subjects in charge of telling their own stories.

Rapper Q'mal Labad-Workman records a song in the studio as part of director Charles Officer's new doc Unarmed Versus, a documentary about TCHC's revitalization plan for Villaways and how the lives of young people living there will change STEVE RUSSELL/TORONTO STAR

Music will make up a big part of that, including contemporary song, rap, hip-hop and spoken word. "I want to focus on their voices rather than focus on adults or experts," he added.

Unarmed Verses revolves around the recreation centre, "this safe place" and the heart of the community. Also slated to come down, it's a recreation centre in name only. In truth it's a townhouse, just like the others around it, used by the community as a meeting place.

Officer, director of Nurse. Fighter. Boy and documentary Might Jerome, about Canadian track-and-field star Harry Jerome, was approached by the National Film Board to make Unarmed Verses.

> **I want to focus on their (the young people) voices rather than focus on adults or experts**
> Villaways documentary creator Charles Officer

"It came out of the Trayvon Martin thing and this idea about racism and how youth are coping with it," Officer explained, speaking of the 2013 fatal shooting in Florida of an unarmed black teenager.

"There were these issues around race relations and I was interested in what's happening with youth now in this city with respect to race, living conditions and the chaos and how does one rise within these circumstances?" he said.

Officer worked with Toronto-wide social change organization Arts Starts, which is running a program called Up & Rooted in Villaways to help people manage the transition through a variety of arts initiatives.

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Two of the young people living in neighbourhood-in-transition Villaways, profiled in Charles Officer's upcoming documentary Unarmed Verses, talked about themselves and their part in the film.

Francine Valentine, 12

Ask 12-year-old Francine Valentine what she's learned by being part of documentary Unarmed Verses and she says, "Even the smallest thing has a big impact when it comes to the final picture."

She agreed to appear in the film because "it's (an) opportunity and it could open doors and like that. It's Charles (the director). I can't say no to Charles. He just understands, you know?" As a singer, Francine also has a surprisingly mature, jazz-influenced voice. She also knows her own mind. Officer chose Francine to be the central person in Unarmed Verses. "She's the anchor," he says. "Everything comes back to Francine." Francine says she was filmed, "playing with friends, doing homework. It's real moments, real connections."

Francine Valentine.
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Q'mal Labad-Workman, 18

"Help me I'm lost, I'll survive at any cost," Q'Mal Labad-Workman sings into the mic as he lays down a track of his original rhymes for documentary Unarmed Verses. And later: "I'm a gold medal, you ain't nothing but copper."

A parts driver for a North York car dealership, earlier in the day Labad-Workman had written a physics exam for an online course. If he passes ("I'm confident," he says) he'll go ahead with the next phase of his life: "A subsidized education plan in the military, cut off my dreadlocks, launch my career … my mind is set on that and that's what I'm going to do," says the teen, who cheerfully refers to himself as "a Jack of all trades, master of none."

He wants to be an aircraft mechanic. He also plays rugby and skateboards. Why just be good at one thing? "You only have the experiences you've experienced and if you don't make experiences, then how do you grow as a person?" he asks. "How do you build character?"

He had only tried rapping casually before, in his room or with close friends. One day, he was at his friend Lavane Kelly's house — Kelly is also in Unarmed Verses — "he was like come over to the rec, they're doing something with people doing raps."

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Dreary, wet and chilly.

So far, summer has been a bust in Toronto.

Grim June weather and below seasonal temperatures have put a damper on several farmers markets, parades and festivals.

Now, organizers of upcoming outdoor events are keeping a nervous eye on the sky, too.

"We've obviously been checking the weather," says Sara Peel, managing director of NXNE, which is planning outdoor concerts at Yonge-Dundas Square later this week. "They'll do the show up until the rain makes it impossible, so that's pretty heavy for us … generally the crowds are pretty good at staying unless it gets really, really terrible."

Tourism Toronto doesn't expect the rain will impact overall visitor numbers. "People that are planning a trip to Toronto … they're coming to have a particular experience, see a show or whatever, and chances are that's available to them regardless of the weather," says spokesman Andrew Weir.

So far, 63.6 millimetres of rain has fallen in the first two weeks of June, which works out to about 88 per cent of the month's normal total, according to statistics. The all-time June record for downtown Toronto was set in 1870, when 205 millimetres fell on the city.

Unfortunately, the dreary weather is due to continue at least for the next few weeks.

"The jet stream is not too far from us so we aren't seeing a hot spell," says Peter Kimbell, a warning preparedness meteorologist with Environment Canada. "We're basically under a continuing flow of unsettled weather patterns."

Pride Toronto is planning a party at Sugar Beach on Sunday, but the threat of rain isn't on the mind of the festival's executive director, Mathieu Chantelois. "Mother Nature is a lesbian," he says. "Every year for Pride the weather has been sensational. I don't care about what any weather channel is saying right now … the weather is always nice."

OUTDOOR EVENTS

NXNE: June 17-21
TD Toronto Jazz Festival: June 18-29
Pride Toronto: June 19-28
Luminato: June 19-28
Redpath Waterfront Festival: June 19-21

A woman in traditional Portuguese dress walks down Dundas Street following the rain-soaked Portugal Day Parade on Sunday. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

PARKS COMMITTEE

19 more rinks may stay open

Toronto city staff want to more than double the number of outdoor rinks that can stay open until the end of March break.

The recommendation to parks and environment committee follows a bitterly cold winter when planned closures triggered howls of protest.

Parks director Richard Ubbens wants to add 19 identified rinks to the list of 17 that currently have an extended season, from Nov. 28 to March 20.

The other 16 rinks would remain on the regular Dec. 5 to Feb. 28 schedule.

If city council ultimately agrees, the extra cost — $556,000 — would be added to the 2015-16 parks budget.

Coun. Paula Fletcher, who led the charge to keep rinks open longer, was cautiously optimistic Monday, saying she wants to get feedback on the plan from her Riverdale and Leslieville residents. The choice of the 19 rinks were based on criteria including geographic diversity and ability to withstand warmer temperatures.

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Charity fights city over space

ARTS

Councillor in conflict of interest, says TMAC official

Jessica Smith Cross
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The Lisgar Street building that's sparked legal action between an arts group, the city and a developer. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

A small charity has picked a legal fight with the City of Toronto and one of its biggest developers.

Toronto Media Arts Centre (TMAC) has been raising money for years on behalf of a collection of arts organizations to buy and operate a space downtown.

Now that the space — a huge, purpose-built facility in a new condo near Queen West — has been built, the group says the city is trying to give it to a different arts organization instead.

TMAC, which has filed a lawsuit against the city, entered into an agreement with developer Urbancorp and the city in 2013 to buy and run a 36,000-square-foot arts space in the new Edge on Triangle Park condo development on Lisgar Street.

The arts space was built as part of a Section 37 agreement, where the developer was permitted to make the building larger than what was allowed under the city's official plan. In exchange, the developer had to offer something up for the community: incorporating the arts facility and selling it to TMAC.

TMAC president Henry Faber said the city and developer are working to push his group out in favour of Artscape, an arts nonprofit that does a lot of business with the city and developers.

It's especially done a lot of work in the area of Queen West involved in this deal.

"Artscape has a pretty big stranglehold on all the community arts business in Toronto," Faber said.

Faber said he believes the city councillor who has been shepherding the deal for years, Coun. Ana Bailão, is in a conflict of interest because she, along with Urbancorp president Alan Saskin, are on the Artscape board of directors.

Bailão declined comment because the matter is before the courts.

Artscape has denied any responsibility for what has happened, blaming the problem instead on a "crisis" within TMAC.

"Any suggestion that Artscape was responsible for TMAC's inability to close the deal with Urbancorp and the City is baseless conjecture," CEO Tim Jones said in a statement to Metro. "At this stage, it is up to the City to decide what will happen with the Lisgar site. We will wait to see what unfolds and determine if there is some way to be helpful."

THE PLAYERS

TMAC: A charity with four media arts groups as members: Charles Street Video, (CFMDC) Bento Miso and Dames Making Games. TMAC is trying to set up a space for its members and other arts groups.

Urbancorp: The development company that was allowed to build six extra floors in its condo building in exchange for building the arts space as a benefit to the community in what's referred to as a Section 37 agreement.

City of Toronto: Ward 18 Coun. Ana Bailão has been working on the Section 37 deal between the city, Urbancorp and TMAC. She also sits on the board of Artscape.

Artscape: A large non-profit that has done many Section 37 deals with the city and developers.

GRAFFITI CUTTING TO THE POINT Scissors graffiti under the Gardiner at Jarvis Street showing where to cut down the Gardiner, presumably. Instead, the road will survive after council voted for the so-called hybrid option, which will maintain an elevated link to the Don Valley Parkway. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CRUISE INCIDENT

Police search lake for man

The Toronto Police Marine Unit has resumed the search for the man who fell off the Northern Spirit cruise boat in Humber Bay on Saturday. Sgt. Gerry Klunder confirmed there were three Marine Unit boats conducting a visual search of the area Monday.

"We tried going out with our jet skis, but we were very hampered with the fog this morning," said Klunder.

Fog advisories had been affecting the GTA early Monday, with close to near-zero visibility in some areas.

Klunder said that the Marine Unit dive team has not yet been assigned to the search — divers don't go down until they have an exact location — but they are training in the general area.

Sonar was used in Sunday's efforts, but Monday had been a visual search only. Klunder said there might be a chance that they will go back out with sonar later in the day.

The search area consists of the western end of Lake Ontario. Searchers are maintaining an area of approximately 3.2 kilometres. The man fell off the Northern Spirit, a three-level yacht owned by Mariposa Cruises, around 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The location of the original incident was south of the Humber River.

The man has been identified as Keith White of London, Ont.

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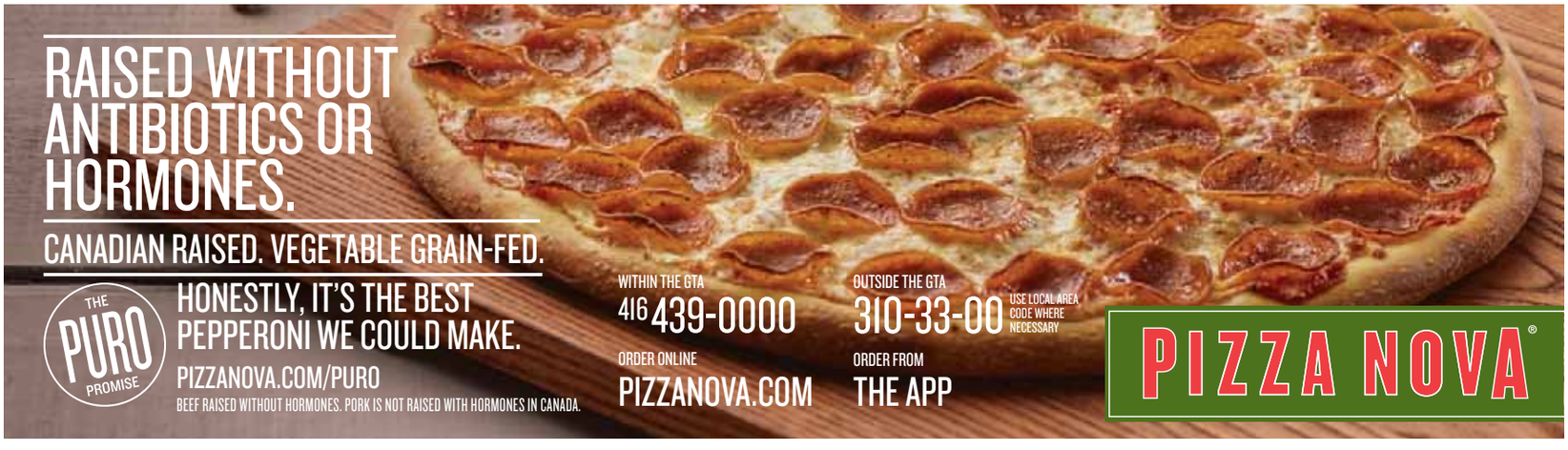

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Kitchen Bitches want to cook up the conversation

ADVOCACY

Sexual harassment case prompts industry panel

A local restaurateur is spearheading a movement to get abuse and sexual harassment in her industry out of the kitchen and into the spotlight with a cheekily named conference called Kitchen Bitches: Smashing the Patriarchy One Plate at a Time.

Jen Agg, outspoken owner of venerated Dundas Street restaurant The Black Hoof, locked down a date, venue and panellists, including luminary chefs from across North America, to discuss a matter she calls "ingrained, systemic, emotional abuses (and sometimes physical)" and "a terrifying truth for so many cooks male or female."

Agg took to Twitter over the weekend to vent, rant and organize after Torstar News Service revealed allegations of sexual harassment at Weslodge restaurant on King Street West.

Former pastry chef Kate Burnham, who worked at the modern saloon for 18 months starting in 2012, filed an application at Ontario's Human Rights Tribunal alleging abuse by three of its former chefs.

An email statement sent to Torstar on behalf of INK Entertainment and ICON Legacy, which co-own Weslodge, said the companies have always had a sexual harassment policy in place and "do not tolerate any form of workplace harassment."

Given the matter is before the tribunal, the companies do not have any further comment, the statement said.

Reached by Torstar, one of the chefs had "no comment," another responded through his lawyer that he "denies all the allegations" and said that "at all times, he has treated his colleagues with dignity and respect." Neither the third chef, nor his lawyer, has responded to Torstar's repeated requests for comment.

Weslodge, the tribunal and lawyers for the three men would not provide Torstar with any formal responses that may have been filed to the tribunal.

Fallout from the allegations includes a gin company pulling its product from a Sunday event at Weslodge called Swig.

Joshua Groom, global brand ambassador for Ungava Canadian Premium Dry Gin, says he doesn't know whether or not the allegations are true, but doesn't condone or accept sexual harassment — or harassment of any kind. "We don't want to be associated with a situation like that," he says.

Canadian-born restaurateur Hugh Acheson agreed early Monday to be a panellist at Agg's event, which is said to be scheduled at Revival Bar in September, saying there is an "exploitative nature" to the restaurant industry with "belittling … yelling, screaming and throwing" — and that it needs to be addressed.

Toronto cook Kate Burnham has filed an application to Ontario's Human Rights Tribunal, alleging sexual harassment at Weslodge restaurant where she used to work.
STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **"It's ludicrous that we turn a blind eye to these things in favour of getting a meal out in time."**
> Restaurateur Hugh Acheson

"It's high time we get them out into the open," he says. "It's ludicrous that we turn a blind eye to these things in favour of getting a meal out in time."

Eric Wood, a chef and 20-year veteran of the restaurant industry, agrees and says, in a heartfelt post on Facebook about industry abuse in general, that it's "not OK to be silent about this stuff," any longer.

The problem of harassment in kitchens probably stems from the current food culture, which is rife with young, egotistical chefs, often male, who lack the maturity and know-how to lead a team, he says.

"The skill set of cooking a good steak and leading people is different," he says. "They don't necessarily have the tools."

Donna Dooher, president and CEO of Restaurants Canada, a national hospitality association, says she was surprised by the allegations, but acknowledges that sexual harassment and abuse exist in kitchens. It's an issue she takes "seriously," she says, and believes the way forward is through "dialogue."

"That's the most important thing — that people are coming forward and talking about it."

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CRIME

Homicide suspects on the run

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

Police have said a pair of suspects on the run after a murder in Toronto last week may now be in Winnipeg.

Clyde Marshall, 36, of New Brunswick, and Sabrina Chouart, 27, of Gatineau, Quebec, are wanted on first-degree murder charges in connection to the killing of 32-year-old Sina Parsi, who was found dead in Toronto on Friday.

Winnipeg police spokesman Const. Jason Michalyshen said Monday police in Toronto have told them that either or both of the suspects may be in the Winnipeg area.

Marshal is white, six feet tall, 145 pounds, with a thin build, short brown hair and blue eyes. He has a tattoo on the right side of his neck and arm.

Toronto Det. Shawn Mahoney said Marshall also goes by the name Marcus Marshall, in addition to Clyde.

Chouart is white, five-foot-seven, 130 pounds, with a thin build and brown hair.

The pair may have a dog — a large, brown bull mastiff.

Due to the presence of the dog, Mahoney said they are most likely hitchhiking as traditional transportation such as bus may not be available to them.

Unconfirmed reports have spotted the pair hitchhiking in northern and eastern Ontario.

Police urge the public not to approach the suspects.

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HOV diamonds look rough

TRAFFIC

Lane markings latest blunder linked to Pan Am Games

They haven't been on the road for long, but high occupancy vehicle lane markers applied to local highways for the upcoming Pan Am Games are already peeling off the pavement.

Commuters making their way along the QEW and Highway 427 on Monday morning could spot chunks of the diamond-shaped markers that had chipped off and pieces of tape blowing around.

The peeling markers are just the latest blunder linked to the Games, which already faced scrutiny for giving volunteers leaky water bottles and T-shirts that were fading after only one wash.

In both cases, Pan Am organizers scrambled to find a fix. But responsibility for the lanes falls on the Ministry of Transportation, which expects the contractor to pay for a fix.

HOV lane markings put in place for the Pan Am Games are peeling along the westbound QEW as seen from the pedestrian bridge near Insley Road, Monday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

An MTO spokesperson told Torstar problems were first noticed by staff on Friday.

The markers were installed between late May and early June as part of a $2.8-million contract for the installation of pavement markings, regulatory signs and spectator signs ahead of the games, said MTO spokesman Ajay Woozageer.

"Replacement will be undertaken ASAP this week, weather permitting, at the contractor's expense," he said in an email, noting that installation requires "clean and dry pavement," which the weather hasn't provided lately.

He said temporary adhesive tape was selected for the markings because it could easily be removed after the Games. Since the tape has proved too temporary, he said, some consideration is being given to painting the diamonds instead.

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> Ajay Woozageer, Ministry of Transportation

"The pavement markings are an important visual aid to drivers and MTO's intent is to maintain these in good condition throughout the Games period," he said.

"MTO will continue to monitor the situation to ensure the lanes are ready for operation on June 29."

Until that date, when the HOV lane restrictions become enforceable, OPP Sgt. Kerry Schmidt said police are encouraging drivers to treat any flailing tape "like an animal."

"Try to avoid it, but don't swerve to avoid it," he said. "We don't want anyone losing control."

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IN BRIEF

Police seek suspect after man repeatedly stabbed

Police are seeking a suspect in relation to an attempted murder investigation after a 41-year-old man was stabbed early Sunday. Police said the man was walking on Flamborough Drive, west of Keele Street, at 12:30 a.m. when he was approached by a man who stabbed him multiple times. The suspect is described as about 30, Hispanic, 5-foot-7 and 210 lbs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Inquest into house fires set to start on Sept. 21

Ontario coroner Dr. William Lucas has announced a Sept. 21 start date for an inquest into two separate house fires that killed seven people.

Four of five members of the Dunsmuir family, including both parents and two sons, died in a fire in East Gwillimbury, Ont., in March 2013 when a fire started due to a clogged vent in a clothes dryer. In the other fire, in Whitby, Ont., three teenagers died.

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CYCLING

Bloor bike lanes inching closer

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

The bike lanes on Bloor Street that Toronto has debated, promised, cancelled, delayed and recently begun planning again are coming closer to reality.

Toronto city councillors Joe Cressy and Mike Layton met Monday with a working group of residents' associations, business owners and members as part of a regular series of breakfast meetings to discuss the pilot project to install temporary lanes in the spring.

Cressy is confident the lanes will go ahead, as support for the pilot project was confirmed as part of the most recent budget process, he said.

Meanwhile, city staff is preparing a process to get public feedback on the plans before sending options to city council to vote on in the fall.

Exactly what stretch of Bloor should get bike lanes hasn't been determined, he said. However, he noted it would be best to connect it to existing bike lanes — such as the lanes on Shaw Street in the west and on Beverly Street and St. George in the core.

The city recently issued a report on the pilot project bike lanes on Richmond and Adelaide Streets, and found they were popular among drivers and riders, and did not delay traffic.

"What the Richmond–Adelaide example shows, and should demonstrate is that if we build proper cycling infrastructure, everyone wins," said Cressy.

The city's manager of cycling, Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati, said the Richmond and Adelaide project proved to be a great success, and hopes the Bloor Street pilot will, as well.

Even though council has directed city staff to study the feasibility of a pilot project, council must vote to implement the pilot project, she said, and political support is not guaranteed.

Bells on Bloor, an advocacy group supporting the project, has found city reports suggesting a bike lane on Bloor periodically going back to 1977.

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AIRPORT

Visiting T.O.? Don't bring meat

The Canadian Border Services Agency says 27 kilograms of undeclared raw meat has been seized at Pearson International Airport.

The agency says they were first alerted to the cache when a detector dog smelled something funny at a baggage carousel last Tuesday.

When the luggage was brought into an inspection area, border officers found a selection of products including partly frozen beef cuts, whole goose and smaller birds.

A traveller from Egypt was counselled about the requirement to declare all food, plant, animals and related products.

The meat was seized and destroyed.

The border agency says many travellers are unaware that undeclared meat, animal hides, live birds, plants and fruit may damage Canada's food supply, economy, environment and pose a risk to human health. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Naked Canucks come home

MALAYSIA

Saskatchewan siblings pled guilty to public indecency

Two Canadians who were detained in Malaysia for posing naked with other hikers on the country's highest peak have reportedly returned home.

Saskatchewan siblings Lindsey Petersen and Danielle Petersen had been sentenced to three days in jail and fined for obscene behaviour in a public place.

They were among 10 foreigners who stripped naked and took photos on Malaysia's Mount Kinabalu on May 30.

A local official has said their behaviour was disrespectful to the mountain, which is believed to be sacred, and caused an earthquake on June 5 that killed 18 climbers.

Their Malaysian lawyer has said they pleaded guilty in a local court to a charge of public indecency.

Lawyer Ronny Cham confirmed the Petersens left the country on Saturday and media outlets in Regina said the pair were believed to have arrived back home Sunday.

Lindsey Petersen, an engineering graduate from the University of Regina, had detailed his travels throughout Asia over the last seven months on Facebook. When his sister joined him in Bali, Indonesia, in April, he referred to them as the "dynamic duo."

The story of their detention in Malaysia made headlines around the world and sparked a discussion on respect for cultural beliefs.

The other two westerners detained in the case were Dutch citizen Dylan Snel and British student Eleanor Hawkins.

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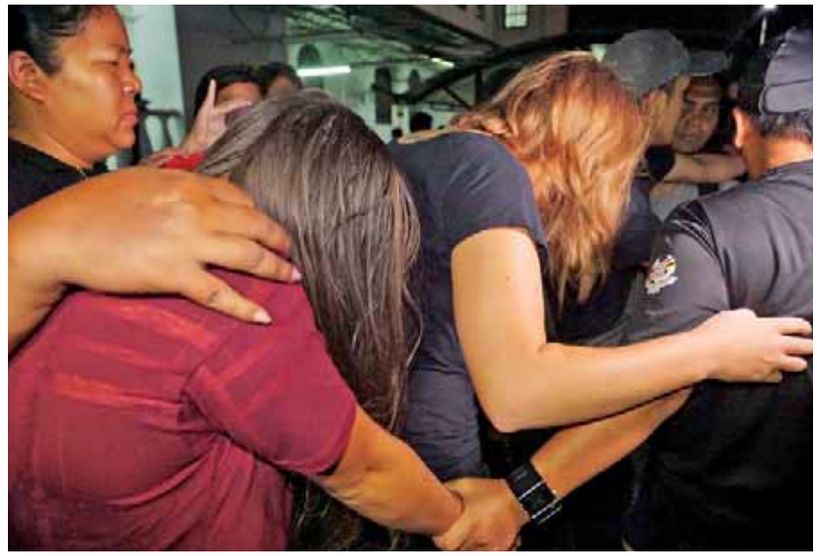

Canadian Danielle Petersen, 22, right, and Eleanor Hawkins, 24, of Britain, are escorted by police as they leave court in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, on June 12. Saskatchewan siblings Lindsey and Danielle Petersen have reportedly returned home. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

WEEKEND

British student Eleanor Hawkins issued a public apology to the people of Malaysia after returning home to England over the weekend.

She said on Sunday that she knows her actions had been wrong.

"I know my behaviour was foolish and I know how much offence we all caused to the local people of Sabah. For that, I am truly sorry," she said.

WEB PRIVACY

Tracking concerns raised

The federal privacy watchdog warns that searching online for information about pregnancy tests, liposuction or a divorce lawyer can prompt related ads to pop up on your computer screen.

Privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien says new research released by his office reveals a small but troubling number of cases in which major websites used such sensitive information to target Internet users without appropriate consent.

Many websites track a user's online activities with the aim of delivering ads aligned to their interests.

Four years ago the commissioner's office issued guidance to advertisers advising them to avoid collecting sensitive personal information, such as health-related details, to deliver their ads.

The commissioner says targeted ads appeared on just over half the websites researchers examined, and most organizations provided some form of notification to users as well as an ability to opt out of such ads.

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NAACP leader quits after parents reveal she's white

RACE

Old photos show her as a pale child with blond hair

The president of a city chapter of a major U.S. group advocating for the rights of African Americans resigned Monday amid a furor over racial identity that erupted when her parents came forward to say she has been posing as black for years when she is actually white.

The announcement was posted on the civil rights organization's Facebook page. It said the attention surrounding Rachel Dolezal has distracted from the group's goals.

"The dialogue has unexpectedly shifted internationally to my personal identity in the context of defining race and ethnicity," according to a statement attributed to Dolezal, a longtime figure in the civil rights community of Spokane, Ore., who was elected to the NAACP post six months ago.

"I am consistently committed to empowering marginalized voices and believe that many individuals have been heard in the last hours and days that would not otherwise have had a platform to weigh in on this important discussion."

Meanwhile, Spokane is investigating whether she lied about her ethnicity when she landed an appointment to the city's police oversight board. On her application, she said her ethnic origins included white, black and American Indian.

Dolezal, a 37-year-old woman with a light brown complexion and dark curly hair, attended historically black Howard University, teaches African studies at a local university and was married to a black man. For years, she has publicly complained of being the victim of racial harassment in the heavily white region.

Rachel Dolezal, president of the Spokane NAACP, resigned Monday after her parents said she has been posing as black for years. COLIN MULVANY/THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The uproar unfolded last week after Dolezal's parents told the media their daughter is white with a trace of Native American heritage. They produced photos of her as girl with a pale complexion and straight blond hair.

Her mother, Ruthanne Dolezal of Troy, Mont., told reporters Rachel began to "disguise herself" after her parents adopted four African-American children more than a decade ago.

Rachel Dolezal initially dismissed the controversy, saying it arose from litigation between other relatives who have divided the family. She has not returned repeated calls from The Associated Press.

Late last week, the national NAACP stood by her, saying "one's racial identity is not a qualifying criteria or disqualifying standard for NAACP leadership." But she had come under increasing pressure from local chapter members to resign.

Dolezal's parents appeared on the Today show Monday and said they hoped to reconcile with their daughter.

"We hope that Rachel will get the help that she needs to deal with her identity issues. Of course, we love her," Ruthanne Dolezal said.

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WEBSITE

Iran helps singles to match up

Iran launched its first official matchmaking website on Monday in a bid to encourage millions of singles to marry, officials said, insisting it is not a dating service.

"We have high demand for marriage and 11 million bachelors who are increasing every day," Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Mahmoud Golzari said.

"This is a significant issue for the ruling system," he added.

The website, Hamsan.Tebyan.net, allows singles to post their profiles and specify what they are looking for in a potential spouse.

A board of mediators matches applicants after reviewing their age, education, wealth and family background.

Iran, with a population of 80 million, has begun encouraging young people to marry and have more children.

The government fears that an aging population could one day overwhelm its social programs.

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Nepal reopens damaged heritage sites to tourists

BHAKTAPUR

UNESCO raises concerns as country tries to renew industry

Nepal on Monday reopened most of the cultural heritage sites that were damaged in a pair of devastating earthquakes, hoping to entice back foreign tourists.

The April 25 and May 12 quakes killed more than 8,700 people and damaged hundreds of thousands of buildings in Nepal, including old temples, palaces and other historical structures that are popular with tourists.

Six of the seven UNESCO World Heritage sites that closed after the quakes were reopened Monday, Tourism Minister Kripasur Sherpa said.

"We are urging people to come to Nepal for holiday to help Nepal rebuild," Sherpa said in Bhaktapur, a city outside of Kathmandu filled with ancient temples, and which is among the reopened heritage sites.

A tourist photographs a damaged building near Basantapur Durbar Square in Kathmandu, Nepal on Monday. NIRANJAN SHRESTHA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The sites were closed due to the damage from the quakes, but also over concerns about the safety of tourists.

Bhesh Narayan Dahal, chief of Nepal's Department of Archaeology, said that measures have been taken to ensure that tourists are safe, and that there are plans to provide safety helmets for visitors in some places.

Some 741 heritage structures were damaged in the quakes, and it will take at least $18 million to rebuild and restore them, Dahal said.

Nepal is hosting an international donors' meeting next week in Kathmandu, the capital, to seek money to help rebuild the Himalayan country following the quakes.

About 800,000 foreign tourists visit Nepal every year and the government is worried that a fear of earthquakes will stop many from visiting.

UNESCO, the United Nations' cultural heritage organization, had raised concerns last week about the reopening of the heritage sites, urging tourists to be extra cautious and reconsider visiting them.

The agency also asked the government to restrict tourists' access to locations where structures had collapsed and that were still considered unsafe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TBILISI, GEORGIA

People, zoo animals still missing after flood

Workers and volunteers laboured Monday in a flood-ravaged area of the Georgian capital of Tbilisi to help victims while nervously watching for traces of dangerous animals that may have escaped the city zoo when it was inundated by the surging waters. Officials in the ex-Soviet republic said 14 people were confirmed dead.

Ten people were thought to be missing after an intense downpour and high winds on Sunday turned a stream that runs through a section of Tbilisi into a sweeping torrent that destroyed houses, tore up roads and tossed vehicles into heaps of uprooted trees and rubbish.

The devastated zoo was still trying to determine what had happened to four lions, three tigers and one jaguar whose enclosures were flooded, zoo spokeswoman Khatia Basilashvili said.

It was unclear how many more animals would be found dead once the waters receded and the cleanup was completed at the zoo, or how many were still wandering the hills around Tbilisi.

The government declared Monday a day off from work and school while the search for the missing and the cleanup work went ahead in Tbilisi, a city of 1.1 million people. The government has urged residents to avoid going near the zoo.

None of the people who died were killed by the zoo animals that got loose, Tbilisi Zoo Director Zurab Gurielidze said. Three zoo employees were among those who drowned.

One of the potentially most dangerous animals to escape, a hippopotamus, was tranquilized and returned to the zoo on Sunday.

A young white lion named Shumba, one of the zoo's most beloved attractions, was found shot in the head on zoo territory on Sunday, the zoo director said.

He demanded an investigation into the shootings of zoo animals.

"If a predator attacked a person, then it's understandable, but there are cases that need looking into," Gurielidze said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Kaufhof deal only the beginning

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Push to buy into European market years in the making

Hudson's Bay Company is still shopping for acquisitions in Europe, even as it announced Monday it is buying a chain of German department stores in a deal worth $3.3 billion.

"Having surveyed the European marketplace for many years, this transaction was a long time in the making," said Richard Baker, HBC governor and executive chairman, in a conference call with analysts Monday morning.

He called the newly purchased Kaufhof chain of department stores, operating in Germany and Belgium, "an ideal platform for HBC's entrance into Europe, (providing) a base from which we can continue to grow in the future."

Kaufhof has 103 Galeria Kaufhof locations and 16 Sportarena stores. Kaufhof also operates Belgium's only department store with 16 Galeria INNO locations across the country. The parent company is Metro AG.

The deal is expected to close by the end of the third fiscal quarter.

The purchase will be financed by the sale of at least 40 of Kaufhof's owned or partially owned properties to Simon Property Group, a joint venture between HBC and U.S-based Simon Property Group.

Chief executive officer Jerry Storch said HBC will be bringing Saks Fifth Avenue and Saks Off Fifth to Germany and Belgium, primarily within existing real estate.

"Saks Fifth Avenue is a global luxury brand with international recognition and we believe that there is untapped potential for upscale luxury retail in Germany," said Storch.

$3.3B

The agreement between Hudson's Bay Company and Germany-based Metro AG will see the Canadian retailer take over its stores in Germany and Belgium and fold them into HBC's corporate umbrella for $3.3 billion.

He said Canadian consumers will benefit from having European brands made available to them in Canada.

Hudson's Bay beat out Vienna-based Signa Retail, controlled by Austrian property developer Rene Benko, who also owns Kaufhof competitor Karstadt.

The mostly cash bid by Hudson's Bay was deemed a better offer because it included labour-related concessions, a more solid financing structure and plans to grow and invest, people familiar with the deal said. A merger of Kaufhof and Karstadt, on the other hand, may have led to job losses.

"Beyond the attractive financial and transactional aspects, a key factor for us was the fact that HBC has made binding guarantees to take on the approximately 21,500 Galeria Kaufhof employees in Germany and Belgium," said Olaf Koch, chairman of Metro's management board.

When the deal closes, HBC will have 464 locations in four countries under eight different banners, including Lord & Taylor and Saks Fifth Avenue. The company estimates its eight main banners will generate about $13 billion annually.

"This transaction is a significant step forward in our plans to become a premier global retailer," Storch said Monday in a statement. "This is a strong foundation to explore additional opportunities for growth throughout the continent."

Hudson's Bay Co. recently reported a $54-million loss in the first quarter of 2015.

But Storch believes the future of retailing remains the department store model.

"They are the distribution centre around the corner from your house when you want it. The future of department stores, I believe, is quite bright."

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The deal between Hudson's Bay Company and German retailer Metro AG for its department stores is worth $3.3 billion. Once the deal is final, HBC will gain ownership of Galeria Kaufhof and Galeria Inno. MARTIN MEISSNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FEDERAL ELECTION

Win for Greens to bring fuel fees

The federal Green party says it would charge a fee for extracting fossil fuels from the ground and return the money to Canadians in the form of a cash dividend, if elected this fall.

Green party Leader Elizabeth May is billing the major plank of her election platform as the surest means of virtually weaning Canada off carbon-based energy sources by the middle of the century.

Under the plan, the carbon fee would be levied on fossil fuels at the source — when coal, oil or gas comes out of the ground or crosses the border into Canada.

It means consumers would pay higher prices at the gas pump and when buying fossil fuel-based products like plastics and pesticides, the party acknowledges.

However every Canadian adult would either receive a cheque or a reduction of their personal income taxes to offset their increased carbon costs.

"We need a national carbon price, and it needs to be fair to all regions," May told a news conference Monday in Victoria, B.C.

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REAL ESTATE

Housing market hits five-year high

Home sales accelerated in May to their highest level in more than five years, as some home buyers looked to preempt an increase in mortgage insurance premiums.

The Canadian Real Estate Association said Monday that sales last month through its MLS system were up 3.1 per cent from April, marking the fourth consecutive month-over-month increase.

Sales in the Toronto area grew by 4.1 per cent in May compared with the previous month, while sales in Calgary climbed 6.7 per cent and Ottawa gained 6.2 per cent.

CREA president Pauline Aunger says news that CMHC will be increasing mortgage default insurance premiums for home buyers with less than a 10 per cent down payment effective June 1 could have impacted home sales.

"Some buyers may have jumped off the fence and purchased in May to beat the increase," Aunger said in a statement.

CREA anticipates that national home sales will climb to 487,200 units this year, 1.3 per cent higher than last year.

TD Bank economist Leslie Preston said a recent rise in government bond yields could push mortgage rates higher this year, dampening demand for real estate across the country.

"Overall, though, we expect the regional divide to continue," Preston said in a statement.

"While sales in oil-related markets of Edmonton and Calgary have risen off their January lows, price gains remain modest. The Vancouver and Toronto markets should cool slightly on higher interest rates. However, given the tightness in these markets, prices should remain relatively strong."

Preston anticipates that house price gains will slow next year to around two to three per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Soaring prices

The national average for a home sold in May 2015 was approximately $450,886, up 8.1 per cent from about a year ago.

With the exception of red-hot markets in Toronto and Vancouver, the average price of a home gained approximately 2.4 per cent, peaking at $344,988.

IN BRIEF

GM ignition switch death total increases to 114

The death toll from faulty ignition switches in General Motors small cars has risen by three to 114.

Victims' families are being offered compensation of at least $1 million each by attorney Kenneth Feinberg, who was hired by GM last year. In addition, Feinberg will make offers to 229 people who were injured in crashes caused by the switches in the Chevrolet Cobalt and other older cars.

GM recalled 2.6 million of the cars last year, but acknowledged it knew about the switch problems for more than a decade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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the big question

When will Lac-Mégantic victims get paid?

Canadian Pacific Railway took heat Monday for making victims and creditors wait even longer for a $431.5-million settlement related to the deadly 2013 rail accident. Of the 25 companies being sued, CP was the only one to balk at paying into a compensation fund, saying the case should be federal. CP denies any responsibility, because at the time of the disaster the train had been ceded to MM&A and was neither operated by CP employees nor travelling on CP tracks. SOURCE: THE CANADIAN PRESS

An unofficial truce in the dubious war on cars

YOUR RIDE

Glyn Bowerman

Embroiled as we all are in the "War on Cars," there may yet be peace in our time.

There is cause for hope, and it comes in the unlikely form of a staff report about a bike-lane pilot project.

After a year of experimenting with dedicated cycle tracks on Richmond and Adelaide, city staff members have reported back. And the project seems to be a great success.

They are even recommending the city extend the tracks east to Parliament Street. The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee will be considering the recommendations on Wednesday.

To be sure, last week's decision to maintain a slightly altered version of the Gardiner East expressway was a devastating blow struck by the slim majority at city hall who still believe the needs of the private automobile drivers trump all other considerations.

It was an embarrassing indication of stagnation, and shows our local government has not yet purged itself of former mayor Rob Ford's ideological campaign to pit one group of Torontonians against another for some perceived political advantage.

It was a narrow victory for John Tory, and a Pyrrhic one. One more such victory in the name of the car could ruin Tory for good.

But maybe, as is often the case in war, the sentiment on the front lines is miles apart from the attitudes in the officers' tent — as documented in the staff recommendation on the Richmond and Adelaide bike lanes.

After lanes of traffic on the streets were converted to dedicated space for cyclists, cycling volume increased by a whopping 300 per cent and travel time for cars was not significantly affected. Businesses and residents were largely unaffected. Everyone seemed to get along.

Most notably, of the 500 new cyclists who took the city survey, 43 per cent said they bike because of the cycle tracks. This showed that when you make alternative modes of transit safe and attractive, people will take advantage.

Obviously, these streets are on a far smaller scale than the Gardiner East expressway, but if you look at this pilot project as a microcosm for Toronto traffic in general, you will see a lot of well documented, observable behaviour that can be scaled upward and outward.

During the lead-up to the Gardiner debate at council, many experts and commentators tried, in vain, to explain that removing space for cars does not lead to congestion. This theory has borne out beautifully on Richmond and Adelaide.

This 'war' for Toronto's road space has always been a figment of a few fevered imaginations.

This "war" for Toronto's road space has always been a figment of a few fevered imaginations, and the drivers and cyclists on Richmond and Adelaide seem to have worked out an unofficial, tentative truce.

Glyn Bowerman is a Toronto-based journalist, theatre artist, and regular contributor to Spacing Magazine. Follow him @Banquos_Banquet

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

"The progressive wedding does its best not to be a wedding."

Millennials think we're the most progressive generation, with our casual sex and entrepreneurship, our non-religiousness and fluid gender.

But then, according to endless Facebook wedding shots, we go ahead and get married anyway — that most old-fashioned of things.

Weddings are so hot right now, despite the fact that marriage has been roundly criticized as a form of patriarchy, as an unrealistic ideal of monogamy or as plain unnecessary. It doesn't sound like an institution for the independent Millennial, but according to Wedding Bells magazine, there were about 162,000 weddings in 2014 (compared to 148,000 in 2008) and the average age of brides was 31.

My most radical feminist friend says she'll be hitched within the year. I, too, want to get married. As I see it, we justify this in two ways.

First, the progressive wedding does its best not to be a wedding. We elope, or hold a ceremony in the woods using our BFF as justice of the peace (certified online). We trick our guests into surprise nuptials at a restaurant or we throw pop-up weddings on the cheap (now trending in Vancouver). With every bride not in white and every groom taking his wife's name, we personalize weddings away from tradition. It's more a life-commitment ceremony. A love-validation declaration.

Second, we believe we really will be together, as equals, forever. I take my parents as a model: a quirky, adorable pair, rarely apart for more than an afternoon, happily low-key about happily ever after. That, I assume, is what awaits me: devotion, despite challenges, to being a team.

Preoccupied with being real about love, we take the self-help philosophy that we can create a winning marriage. We will choose well, we tell ourselves, after exhaustive dating and solemn reflection on what we're looking for. We will talk it out and we will test it out during a few years of living together.

Despite a divorce rate long hovering around 40 per cent, and the fact that, statistically, our mid-40s will be our divorce years, we hold onto a sort of future nostalgia, a Humans of New York-style image of our two wrinkled faces, captioned: "Still best friends."

I hope (irrationally) that will be the fate of all my friends, and my fate, too.

But it's time to accept, despite New-Age tweaks, how truly old-school you are on your wedding day.

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GAME OF THRONES

Warning: Here be spoilers for the HBO series' Season 5 finale

Brian Gasparek
For Metro

Did your favourite Westeros inhabitant survive the season-ending episode? CONTRIBUTED

On Sunday night, HBO brought us another epic Game of Thrones season finale. In typical Westeros fashion, the final episode of Season 5 was a jaw-dropping, bloody affair that shocked us, confused us and violently tugged at our heartstrings (say it ain't so, Jon!).

While the episode left us emotionally rattled, it also spurred a handful of mortal cliffhangers for us to mull over until next spring. Which of our most beloved and hated characters are actually dead?

Here's a recap of who's dead, who could be dead and who deserves to be dead after the Season 5 finale. And yes, this is completely full of spoilers. So stop reading if you haven't watched it yet!

Jon Snow

Jon Snow's fate in the season finale was a complete shiv to the heart for viewers … no pun intended. Sadly one of our most beloved characters from the beginning of the series is indeed dead thanks to an act of mutiny by his peers who branded him a traitor.

> **We've learned that loving moments don't last too long in Game of Thrones.**

As much as we all want to see Jon rise from that blood puddle in Season 6, actor Kit Harington just confirmed in an interview with EW that he would not be returning to the show next season.

Just like in the books, Jon Snow seems to be dead for good. His shocking death has already prompted masses of fans on social media to declare that they won't be tuning in next season. Let's hope for a ghost cameo down the line.

Stannis Baratheon

In Stannis Baratheon's last scene of the season, we were potentially spared some serious gore. When we last saw mean old Stannis, he was severely injured and about to be decapitated by Brienne of Tarth after she sentenced him to death for his crimes. Right as her sword came down, the scene jump-cut to a shot of Ramsay killing in battle. So does that mean the last remaining Baratheon brother is dead? It sure looked like it with the force of that blade coming down on his neck. And we should all hope so. None of us would be sad to see that evil bugger go, right?

Sansa Stark and Theon 'Reek' Greyjoy

After Theon snapped and shoved the evil Myranda to her death off the tower in Winterfell, the last we saw of Reek and his pseudo-sister Sansa was the pair holding hands while hurling themselves off the building to escape from scummy Ramsay and his men. The fate that awaits these two in Season 6 is anyone's guess. Could they both have somehow survived the fall? Could Theon have redeemed himself by taking his own life to break Sansa's fall? Game of Thrones is heartless after all and they both could very well be dead. But we all want to see Sansa live to find vindication against Ramsay, don't we?

Myrcella Baratheon

We've learned that loving moments don't last too long in Game of Thrones. After a tender moment at sea with her real father Jaime Lannister, we saw Myrcella start bleeding profusely from her nose. We then found out that she was poisoned with killer lipstick. Remember that awkward long kiss she received from Ellaria Sand earlier in the episode? After witnessing a pleased Ellaria wiping her lips and taking an antidote in the next scene, we can assume that Jaime's 15-year-old daughter is indeed dead, and that Sand has gotten her revenge. Pretty harsh.

Arya Stark

Arya's final scene in Season 5 featured the young Stark warrior getting punished for killing the evil Meryn Trant by Jaqen. With her final words of 2015, Arya screams that she has gone blind after witnessing her face appear on Jaqen's body in front of her. Could Arya Stark be dead? Not a chance. If the show took Jon Snow from us, we're counting on the youngest Stark to go the distance. We need you, Arya!

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A closer look at Apple Music

BEYOND ITUNES

10 things you need to know about the new streaming service

SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross

Two weeks from today, Apple will fire up Apple Music, its long-awaited, much-hyped next step beyond iTunes in Canada and 99 other countries. By integrating music sales, music streaming, real-time Internet radio, social media and direct artist-fan connections, Apple has signalled it wants to be a bigger player in music than it's ever been.

Much has been written about Apple Music since its official announcement earlier this month, but here are 10 things that you may have missed.

1 While there won't be a free tier, you can sample the service for free for 90 days. Studies show that the vast majority of people who convert to the paid version do make the decision within 70 days.

2 Apple will not be paying artists royalties during the 90-day free trials, which is not unprecedented. Remember the Columbia Record Club's 13-albums-for-a-penny offers? Record contracts specified that royalties were not paid on those loss-leader sales, either.

3 Today, Spotify is the biggest streaming music service with 20 million paid subscribers. But if Apple converts just three per cent of its 800 million iTunes account holders to Apple Music, they'll be bigger.

4 Apple Music will be pre-installed on all new iOS devices and will show up in the upcoming iOS 8.4 release, which means you can expect devices to urge users to sign up with just a click or two.

5 Apple's audio stream will be encoded at 256 kpbs. That's less than the best-available (320 kpbs) but chances are almost no one will know the difference.

6 While it's true that artists like the Beatles refuse to allow their music to stream, there's a workaround. Apple Music will search users' libraries for purchased and ripped music. If it finds Beatles music, it will fetch those songs from iTunes and make them available for you to stream.

7 Beats 1, the real-time radio station, apparently won't be format-specific. The promise is that the station will play great songs from all genres.

8 The fact that Beats 1 will be available in 100 countries is a music licensing achievement. Terrestrial stations that stream are often geo-blocked. (i.e. Lots of Canadian stations can't be heard in the U.S. and vice-versa.)

9 The standard cost will be 9.95 per month in the local currency, meaning we get off cheap, internationally speaking. The U.K. cost of £9.95 works out to more than $19 Cdn.

10 Remember: Streaming is for auditioning; purchasing is forever.

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Celebrity dream casting

In one way, it's the ultimate dream for a public figure to see his or her story recreated onscreen. It's an honour, that is, if the casting is done just right. Why leave it to chance? CP asked a diverse set of celebrities: Who would play you in a movie? **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

JOSE BAUTISTA, TORONTO BLUE JAYS OUTFIELDER

Only badasses need apply

The all-star slugger is a big fan of the Fast and the Furious franchise, having watched all of the films with the exception of the most recent instalment. So it's hardly a surprise that Bautista would want one of the leading men in the action-packed series to portray him on the big screen.

"I pick **Vin Diesel**," he said. "It would have to be a bad-ass, so definitely somebody like him that's very badass-like, superhero type of guy."

IAN MCKELLEN, OSCAR-NOMINATED STAR OF THE LORD OF THE RINGS SERIES

Younger doppelganger

An acting veteran of 50-plus years, McKellen's vote of confidence would surely mean a lot for a young actor — though the one he chose doesn't hurt for acclaim.

"Probably **Benedict Cumberbatch**, because I looked rather like him when I was his age," McKellen, 76, said from London. "But I would hope that the latter years of my life I could play myself, perhaps."

JOANNIE ROCHETTE, OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDAL-WINNING FIGURE SKATER

'Something different about her'

The decorated athlete chose an Oscar nominee known for tough and mysterious characters.

"I think I'd love **Uma Thurman** to play me because I think she's so interesting. She's strong," said Rochette, 29, the six-time Canadian champion who won her bronze at the 2010 Vancouver Games. "There's something different about her ... I loved her in Kill Bill, but also in Gattaca."

BARENAKED LADIES, EIGHT-TIME JUNO WINNERS

From John to Jared

"I've always wanted **John Cusack** to play me," singer Ed Robertson (front) said. "He's a great character actor."

"How about Paul Giamatti to play me?" drummer Tyler Stewart questioned. "Or Danny DeVito?"

For bassist Jim Creeggan, they picked Ron Howard. And multi-instrumentalist Kevin Hearn was assigned Jared Leto.

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Emotions take the wheel in new Pixar film

An all-star cast including Lewis Black, Mindy Kaling, Amy Poehler, Bill Hader and Phyllis Smith voice the emotions inside of a little girl's head in Pixar's Inside Out. DISNEY-PIXAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INSIDE OUT

A young girl's feelings get the character treatment

Drawing on real neuroscience and the latest psychological research, Inside Out goes where no animated film has gone before: Deep inside the workings of a young girl's mind.

The much anticipated Pixar release, the studio's first in two years, bills itself as "a major emotion picture." Opening Friday, it centres on 11-year-old Riley, a happy, hockey-loving kid. Most of the action, though, takes place inside her head, where her staff of personified emotions — Joy, Anger, Sadness, Fear and Disgust — is in charge of operations.

When Riley is shaken by her family's move across the country, her emotions must navigate through her subconscious, dreams and memories to restore balance and protect her burgeoning personality.

It's not just heady territory for an animated family film. Experts say it's scientifically accurate and could expand popular understanding of human emotions.

"It really tells us something very true and unique about emotional experience," said psychology professor Dacher Keltner of University of California, Berkeley, an expert in the study of emotions who consulted with Pixar on the film and saw an early screening. "The film suggests that, in a way, all emotions have their purpose, and that is very much in line with the recent science."

Writer-director Pete Docter wanted to deeply understand the science behind such intellectual concepts as personality and memory before visually interpreting them on screen. He studied scientific papers and cross-checked story ideas with Keltner and other brain and behaviour experts as he developed the film.

"I felt a pretty heavy responsibility (to accuracy)," Docter said. "It sort of stymied me for a while in making decisions. I remember sweating in my office, like ... I don't know, what if I get it wrong?"

Pixar artists were tasked with imagining how to depict memories: How would they be kept and stored? How are they forgotten and where do they go? They dreamed up ways to represent intangible things like personality and the subconscious.

Ultimately, scientific accuracy took a backseat to story, Docter said: "We didn't want to do anything that would get us laughed out of the room, but we definitely stretched things and took some leeway."

In the film, Riley is upset when her family's move from Minnesota to San Francisco forces her to leave her best friend and her hockey team and start at a new school. Inside her head, Joy (Amy Poehler) normally reigns over the staff of emotions, but Sadness (Phyllis Smith) steps in after the move.

As Joy vies for control, she and Sadness get lost deep in the recesses of Riley's mind, leaving Fear (Bill Hader), Anger (Lewis Black) and Disgust (Mindy Kaling) at the helm. Riley appears angry and sullen to the outside world until Joy and Sadness make peace and return to their positions inside "headquarters."

Poehler called the film's take on emotions "a revolutionary concept."

"We tell ourselves that the constant pursuit of happiness is what we need to do, and if you're not doing it, you're doing something wrong," she said. "Instead, this big concept of feeling your feelings and trying to stay true to who you are and what you want, that's the journey. That's life, man!"

The story puts a premium on one girl's well-being, Kaling said.

"This is a big summer blockbuster movie, and the journey that she's going on is not to find a crystal necklace or an amulet or to kill a dragon or find a witch and do a riddle, it's just to be happy," she said.

Keltner, whose studies of emotion involve monitoring blood flow in the brain and measuring facial-muscle movements, said seeing the film's imaginative depictions of the mind, memories and feelings was "exhilarating."

"They have done a really faithful job in thinking hard within the constraints of the movie about what the science of emotion has revealed at the most fundamental level," he said. On the accuracy scale? "I'd give it a nine out of 10."

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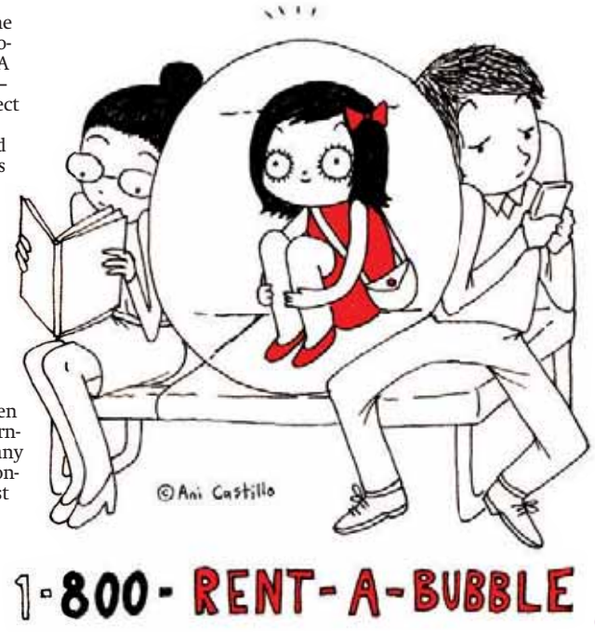
The question What are the rules about getting too close on public transit?

Dear Ellen,
I ride a crowded bus to work every morning and try not to crowd anyone, but often when I step back to make space for someone, they simply step forward and close the gap. Even on the days I score a seat, and then move away so as not to touch the person sitting next to me, they simply spread themselves out further and THEY KEEP TOUCHING ME. What can I do about this?
— Penny, Edmonton

Dear Penny,
Judging by your aversion to human contact, I fear you may have been raised in the same kind of uptight Anglo-Saxon home I grew up in. A home where all emotion — from parental pride to abject disgust — was expressed with dripping sarcasm, and where physical contact was restricted to disapproving elbow jabs or affectionate shoulder punches. Even that could be confusing due to the Anglo-Saxon's innate resentment of expressing any feelings whatsoever — e.g., sometimes the "nice" shoulder punches were passive-aggressive and felt like plain old jabs. In the end, children from families like ours learned from an early age that any kind of non-consensual, non-romantic touching was best avoided altogether.

This kind of attitude — as you have discovered, Penny — does not fly on public transit. Admittedly, there are some gross, turf-hogging individuals who are oblivious to anyone else's personal space. These are the idiots who stick their grocery bags, knapsacks or (ugh) their bellies or backsides in your face while you're sitting on an aisle seat. Not acceptable, and you are certainly justified in politely asking them to back off.



But it sounds as if you are dealing with normal people who are comfortable with the urban jostle — people from families unlike ours, where such bizarre behaviour as hugging children, holding hands with friends or linking arms in open displays of familial affection is considered normal! For these folks, standing close to other people on the subway or sitting haunch to haunch in a seat is not rude behaviour. It's actually a lot more normal than your own dysfunctional revulsion at contact with your co-Earthlings.

Unless of course they're perverts who are trying to grope you. In which case, you should both jab and punch, and — if you can get over your Anglo-Saxon reticence — scream bloody murder while you're at it.

Need advice? Email Ellen at scene@metronews.ca

IN BRIEF

Google wants hand in urban development

On Wednesday, Google unveiled Sidewalk Labs, a company devoted to making a business out of solving big-city problems such as overpriced housing and traffic-snarled streets.

Based in New York City, it's described as an "urban innovation" firm with a mission to develop technology that makes living and running big cities better.

"Sidewalk will focus on improving city life for everyone by developing and incubating urban technologies to address issues like cost of living, efficient transportation and energy usages," Chief Executive Larry Page said in a post on the Internet titan's Google+ page. AFP

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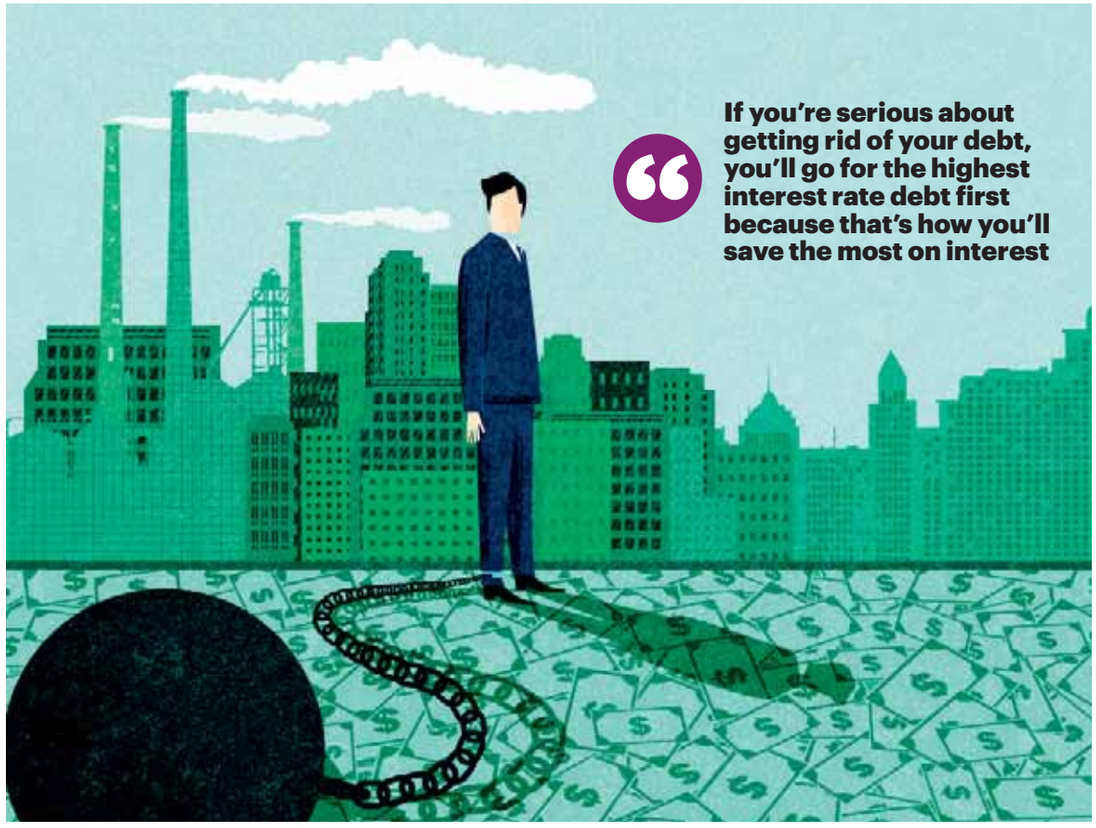

If you're serious about getting rid of your debt, you'll go for the highest interest rate debt first because that's how you'll save the most on interest

Paying off your consumer debt as fast as you can means you can stop wasting money on interest charges. ISTOCK

Whenever I tell people to add up their debt they want to start classifying it to make themselves feel better.

Yes, a mortgage is good debt, assuming you didn't take too big a mortgage and it's about building assets.

And a student loan does help you earn more money, as long as you didn't borrow so much that you're going to take a decade or longer to pay it off.

And an investment loan can also help you to build assets if you know what you're buying.

And if you need your car to do your job… well, technically, that can be classified as good debt too, can't it?

The list of potential bad debt is long and I'm going to keep this short and sweet: Anything that you put on credit that does not build your assets is bad debt.

Imagine for a moment that you've gone out for dinner. You're with some very good friends and you've decided to celebrate. You have a lovely meal, which includes a couple of bottles of wine. You finish up with a fabulous dessert. You're a sport. You put dinner on your credit card: $267.38. You've been carrying a balance on that card for years, so what's another two hundred bucks, right? You go home, get ready for bed. You go to the bathroom. You poop! Dinner's gone. The credit charge is still on your card two years later. That's bad debt.

The only way to get rid of debt is to pay it off

If you want to get to debt-free, you have to make a plan to get your debt paid off. Rank your debt: high-cost consumer debt is at the top of the list and your mortgage is at the bottom. Even if you're paying less on your line of credit than on your mortgage, your line of credit is still ranked higher as "bad" debt for two reasons:

A) You're likely not using it to build assets, and
B) It's callable.

That's right, anytime the bank feels like it, you'll get a call saying "Pay us back! Right now!" and if you don't they'll send you to collections, drive down your credit score and run up your interest rate. Hey, I'm not making this up. It's in all that paperwork you probably didn't read.

You must prioritize paying off the consumer debt first, starting with the debt with the highest interest rate. Some people like to pay off the card with the smallest balance first; they think that's more motivating. But that's the way wussies do it. Isn't that the same instant-gratification thinking that got you into debt in the first place? If you're serious about getting rid of your debt, you'll go for the highest interest rate debt first because that's how you'll save the most on interest.

The idea is to get your debt paid off as fast as you can so you stop wasting money on interest costs. And the faster you pay it off, the less likely you are to suffer from debt fatigue.

Debt fatigue? What's that?

That's when you're so tired of trying to get your debt paid off that you throw up your arms and put your vacation on your credit card. Taking too long is hugely frustrating and means you're more likely to give up. You need to set yourself a timeframe that's reasonable — don't set yourself up to fail — but be aggressive. And bust your butt.

When you work those payment numbers and think, "There's no way I can come up with that kind of money to pay off my debt," go to the mirror, look at your indebted self and say these words: "I had the fun of spending and now it's time to pay it back! Time to put on your big-boy/girl pants and do what needs to be done." Cut your spending to the bone. Get a second job. Whatever it takes, babies, whatever it takes.

$ MAKE A PLAN

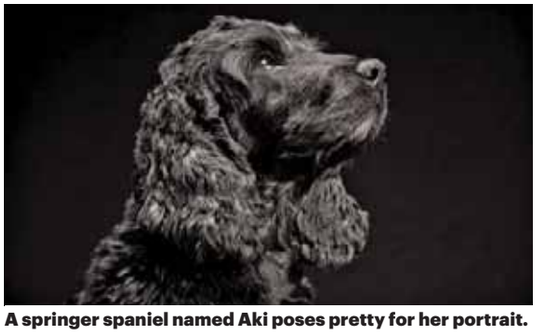
It's time to make a plan to have your consumer debt gone in three years or less. For each debt on your list:

1. Take the amount you owe and multiply it by the interest rate percentage and then divide by 12 for the monthly interest cost (approximately). If you owe $13,000 on your line of credit at 6% it would look like this: $13,000 x 6% / 12 = $65. That's the monthly interest cost.
2. Take the amount you owe on the principal and divide it by the number of months until you want to have it repaid. So $13,000 ÷ 24 months = $542.
3. Add the monthly principal and interest costs together to get your monthly payment. $542 + $65 = $607.

So you have to pay $607 a month on that debt to erase it in 24 months. It'll actually happen a little sooner because you're paying on a declining balance, but this simple calculation is good enough.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Portrait series in defence of black dogs takes off online



A springer spaniel named Aki poses pretty for her portrait.
FRED LEVY VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was a summer day at the dog park when Fred Levy, a professional pet photographer, overheard a conversation that he couldn't shake off.

A woman was talking about "Black Dog Syndrome" — a theory that black dogs are less likely to be adopted than those with lighter coats, perhaps because of superstition or a notion that black dogs are aggressive. Experts debate whether it's a myth or reality, but it struck Levy.

That dog park visit was almost two years ago, but it inspired Levy to take on a project that's gained international attention. He calls it the Black Dogs Project, a photo series that features black dogs against black backdrops, aiming to capture their beauty and counter negative stereotypes.

Levy, 45, did it all in the basement studio of his Maynard home, where he lives with his wife, two young boys and a black-and-white rat terrier named Toby.

The photos struck a chord online and quickly went viral. The microblogging website Tumblr counted Levy's blog among its "most-viral" of 2014.

After adjusting to the sudden onslaught of attention, Levy decided to publish the work in a book, titled Black Dogs Project: Extraordinary Black Dogs and Why We Can't Forget Them, slated for release this September. Part of the proceeds will go to a rescue group for Labradors in San Diego.

In the book and on his blog, Levy includes stories about each dog to counter myths about black dogs.

Early on, the black dogs that Levy photographed came from owners he recruited through his Facebook page. Recently he also started working with abandoned dogs referred to him by shelters. After training his camera on them, he shares their photos online in search of a permanent home.

But his message to viewers isn't necessarily to adopt black dogs. Mostly, he wants people to think beyond appearance when they're adopting pets.

"I want people to make informed decisions on the best dog that will fit into their lifestyle," he said. "The fur shouldn't be the deciding factor."

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Kristen outed by mom

KRISTEN STEWART

Mother confirms Twilight star is dating 'lovely girl'

Well, this isn't very parental. Kristen Stewart's mom, Jules Stewart, gave an interview to Britain's the Sunday Mirror flat-out confirming that the former Twilight star is dating her personal assistant, Alicia Cargile. "What's not to be accepting about her now having a girlfriend? She's happy," Jules says. "She's my daughter, I'm just her mom so she knows I would accept her choices. I've met Kristen's new girlfriend, I like her. What's not to accept? She's a lovely girl." Rumours had been swirling for months about Kristen and Cargile, but I guess swirling wasn't good enough for mom, so there you go.

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SMASH MOUTH

Ill-bread rant

Public service announcement: If you find yourself at a Smash Mouth concert in 2015, and you've brought along a loaf of bread to snack on, do not throw a piece of that bread at lead singer Steve Harwell. He really doesn't like that. During the Taste of Fort Collins food and music fest in Colorado, fans started tossing slices of bread in the air. Some of it landed a bit too close to Harwell, who erupted in a long stream of profanities and threats we can't print here. The crowd booed and he huffed off stage. Maybe he's gluten-free?

CHICKEN FLAP

Mila clucks out

It seems Mila Kunis's ex-friend Kristina Karo has, er, chickened out in going through with filing a $5,000 lawsuit against her, claiming Kunis stole her beloved chicken. The "friend" claims Kunis kidnapped her pet chicken named Doggie 25 years ago, but tells TMZ that due to a recent revelation in therapy, she has decided not to press charges after all: "I've learned to forgive in my heart the people who have wronged me, like Mila," she tells them. "There is only one judge and that is God. I pray for her soul and the soul of Doggie, that he has found peace finally in chicken heaven." Good to know all chickens named Doggie go to heaven?

Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher

GOSSIP NOTES

Affleck, Garner crush split rumours

While various reports have Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck practically filing divorce papers, Affleck and Garner chose the revolutionary option of going to the farmer's market with their kids this weekend. Radar Online quotes a source as saying "their marriage has completely fallen apart." Somehow, they were able to soldier on to the farmer's market, despite the invisibly shredded tatters of their marital bond.

5 Seconds of Summer catches fire

Well, they certainly know how to bring the heat. 5 Seconds of Summer band member Michael Clifford's face caught on fire during a concert in London due to some pyrotechnics gone wrong. Clifford was taken to the hospital where he was treated and tweeted to fans, "What the f---s up. Sorry I couldn't finish the encore but at least I look like two face, thanks for worrying." Luckily, he's making a full recovery and is continuing the tour. Yikes!

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Scan to help Natasha Crosier reach her goal.

THRILLING ADVENTURE

For Natasha Crosier, taking on cancer is a literal roller-coaster ride

The Canadian Cancer Society's Fearless Challenge is a fundraising initiative with a twist: It invites people to raise money for the cancer cause by scaring themselves — and getting others to support them.

Natasha Crosier describes herself as an extrovert who is open to adventure — except for two things: the Brighton, Ontario, native dreads heights and confined spaces. Yet on June 13, she confronted both of these terrors by riding the Leviathan roller coaster at Canada's Wonderland. She faced her fears to honour her cousin Christopher Taylor, who died of leukemia earlier this year.

"I first heard about the Fearless Challenge on the radio," says Crosier. "It was the fall of 2014 and I was driving home after having just spent three days in Toronto with my cousin while he was undergoing treatments."

Crosier and her cousin were born just six months apart and were as close as a brother and sister. "We are cut from the same cloth," she says. "We are both a bit loud and little bit crazy." She remembers hearing the Fearless Challenge tagline ("Be fearless and help those with cancer do the same") and deciding to sign up.

"I'm not a big fan of heights and I'm claustrophobic," says Crosier. "Riding a roller coaster was the closest thing to taking on both of those fears."

SCARING IS CARING

Crosier also knew that Canada's Wonderland had teamed up with the Canadian Cancer Society to help participants in the Fearless Challenge take on their terrors. According to Shannon Kelly, manager of public relations at Canada's Wonderland, the park is a natural host for such events. "Every day here is about facing fears and the thrill of conquering them."

Which is why partnering with the charity for a series of fright nights at the park is, according to Kelly, "a great, honest partnership." Last year, during the first week of the theme park's annual Halloween Haunt, Fearless Challenge participants who raised $250 or more received free admission to Canada's Wonderland plus a $10 off admission coupon so that family members and friends could come along and cheer challengers on. "Halloween Haunt offers more things that people are afraid of: rides, mazes, clowns — everything that's a little eerie." During the week, they helped raise $27,500 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Crosier went to FearlessChallenge.com to register her challenge and goal — to ride Canada's Wonderland's most terrifying roller coaster, the 100-metre-tall Leviathan, for $2,000. Unfortunately she was unable to reach her goal before the park closed for the season. When her cousin died of pneumonia in February, she doubled her fundraising efforts.

"Before Christopher passed away, he was aware of the Fearless Challenge and was super stoked for me to do it," says Crosier. So she reached out to Kelly to see if she could reschedule her ride this spring.

A SECOND CHANCE

"Natasha was a special case because she had really tried to be a part of the event last year," says Kelly. "I had also heard about her cousin through mutual friends. Knowing that he had meant so much to so many people, we knew that we wanted to do something special to honour him, too."

On the morning of June 13, right before the park officially opened for the day, Canada's Wonderland arranged for Crosier, her family and supporters to ride the Leviathan together. Beyond raising money, says Kelly, "the great thing about the Fearless Challenge is that it brings people together and gets them talking about cancer."

"I'm grateful to everyone who is supporting the Challenge," says Crosier. "Raising awareness while doing something fun is exactly the way Christopher would have done it."

Follow the #FearlessChallenge

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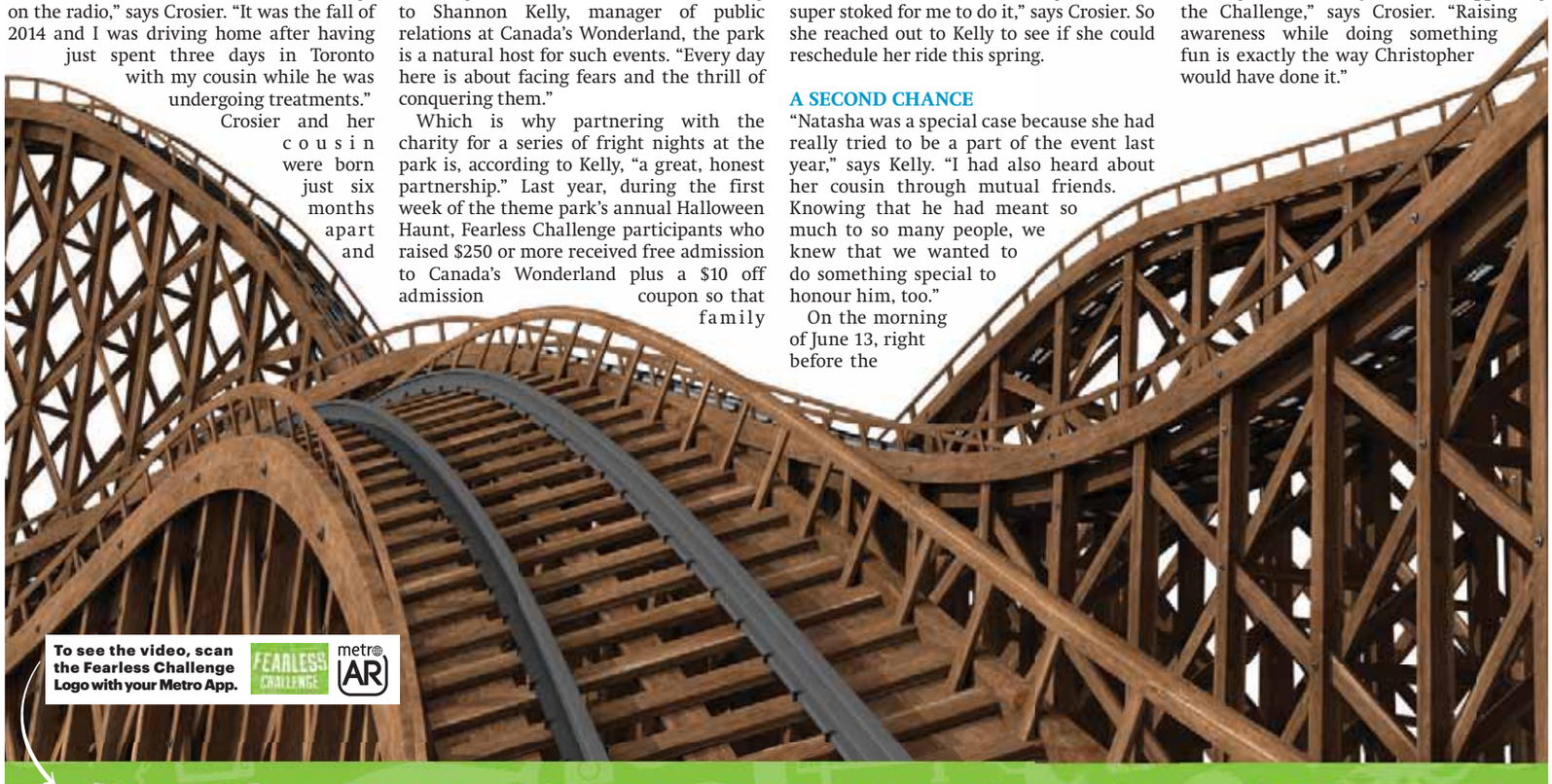

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STANLEY CUP FINAL

Blackhawks put an end to historically tight title series

The margin of error was minuscule, the difference between the teams even less.

After playing on a tightrope for two weeks, the dam finally broke and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-0 in Game 6 on Monday night to win one of the tightest Stanley Cup final series in NHL history and capture their third title in the past six years.

GAME 6 In Chicago

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Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews hoists the Stanley Cup after Chicago's Game 6 win over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Monday night at United Center. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

The Blackhawks lifted the Cup at the United Center for the first time. It is the first time since 1938 that they have won on home ice.

Duncan Keith scored the clincher on one of the best individual efforts of the playoffs, and Patrick Kane provided the exclamation point with a third-period goal.

They got help from goaltender Corey Crawford, who made 25 saves to pick up his first shutout of the final. In total he stopped 151 of the 161 shots he faced to outduel an injured Ben Bishop.

The Lightning's starter again fought through injury but couldn't be perfect enough. With a banged-up team in front of him, Bishop made 30 saves as Tampa Bay couldn't force a Game 7 back home Wednesday night.

A Game 7 is the only thing that could have made this series more historic. Each of the first five games was decided by one goal for the first time since 1951.

In the end the difference was not the offensive stars. Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews had just one goal, while Kane didn't get on the board until the final minutes of Game 6.

Lightning captain Steven Stamkos was shut out.

As the series turned into a battle of wills, the Lightning put forth their final burst of desperation facing elimination. But with several players dealing with noticeable injuries, they didn't have enough to push back against the playoff-tested and healthier Blackhawks.

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FIFA IN BRIEF

Blazer's undercover duty dates back to 2011

Former FIFA executive committee member Chuck Blazer agreed to act undercover for U.S. prosecutors and has been co-operating since at least 2011 in the government's investigation of soccer corruption.

Blazer's 19-page plea agreement from Nov. 25, 2013, was unsealed Monday after a federal judge agreed to a request by media organizations.

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Tie with Dutch puts Canada into knockout stage

Substitute Kirsten Van De Ven scored in the 87th minute as the Netherlands earned a shock 1-1 draw with host Canada on Monday night at the FIFA Women's World Cup.

However, Canada still finished first in Group A with a win and two draws and will begin single-game knock-out play Sunday in Vancouver against an opponent still to be determined. China was a second in the group while the Netherlands, with a win a loss and a draw, was third.

Ashley Lawrence scored early for Canada, but the Dutch were a threat all night with their counter-attacking game and finally got the equalizer with three minutes left in regular time.

Canada had the early pressure and Lawrence broke the ice 10 minutes in

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Dominica looks for upset in T.O.

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

Canada beat Caribbean island in first leg of series

Farmers, fishermen, construction workers, teachers, students and the self-employed. There's more than just soccer to the men who make up the Dominica national team.

"Most everyone on the team is working," said coach Shane Marshall, a former midfielder and national team captain whose day job is driving a taxi. "Most of them are self-employed. We have a few guys that are going to school. So it's kind of difficult to work around.

"Some of them have to say 'OK, well coach, I'll not be able to make it today because I have class. I'll make it tomorrow."'

From their modest home away from home, a two-star hotel in suburban Brampton, the team known as the Nature Boys — due to the natural beauty of Dominica — is hoping to score one for the little guy when it takes on Canada on Tuesday in the return leg of their World Cup qualifying series.

Canada, ranked No. 109 in the world, defeated No. 168 Dominica 2-0 last before some 6,000 fans on Thursday in the Caribbean island located halfway between Puerto Rico and Trinidad and Tobago.

> **We cannot judge these guys on rankings or where they're from.**
> Canadian captain Julian de Guzman

The Dominica players, dressed in a lime green tops, took a moment to take in BMO Field on Monday before the match commissioner let them on the pristine field for their one-hour practice.

"It's a lovely playing field. It's conducive to playing good football," goalkeeper and captain Glenson Prince, who was a standout in the first leg, said admiringly.

The series opener was played on a somewhat less hospitable cricket pitch in Roseau. Canada went ahead on a fifth-minute goal by Orlando City forward Cyle Larin. Vancouver Whitecaps midfielder Russell Teibert made it 2-0 on a 63rd-minute penalty after Larin was pulled down.

Canadian coach Benito Floro, while not complaining, thought Canada could have scored more.

"Everyone's going to think it's a walk in the park," Canadian captain Julian de Guzman said of Dominica. "But these teams, they're very tricky. You can't take them lightly at any moment. They're very physical, fast players and they're playing for a World Cup too. They believe they can make it."

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MLB JAYS TAKE STREAK INTO NEW YORK Blue Jays right-fielder Jose Bautista blasts a solo home run in the first inning against the Mets in New York on Monday night. The Jays were aiming to push their winning streak to a franchise-high 12 games. For the result, go to metronews.ca. MIKE STOBE/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Bolivia downs Ecuador in Copa America action

Bolivia scored three unanswered first-half goals and held on for a 3-2 victory over Ecuador on Monday in Group A of the Copa America.

Bolivia has four points from its first two matches in the South America championship, while Ecuador has lost its first two games and is in danger of going out in the first round. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hernandez juror may have been 'untruthful': Lawyer

A lawyer for Aaron Hernandez has told a judge he's concerned one of the jurors who convicted the former New England Patriots star tight end of murder may have been "untruthful" during jury selection.

In redacted court documents released Monday, lawyer James Sultan says an anonymous tipster first called him April 16, a day after the 12-person jury convicted Hernandez of first-degree murder in the 2013 killing of Odin Lloyd. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Ross walking social media tightrope

For weeks after the Toronto Raptors were swept from the NBA playoffs, the channels of online discussion thrashed with calls for blood. Fans wanted heads to roll and make way for renewal.

Terrence Ross, the team's third-year small forward, evidently didn't like this very much, so he took to Instagram for his rejoinder: a photo of a paunchy young man with glasses, bent over a laptop with a can of Jolt on his desk.

"Hold up," the caption read, "I gotta talk s— about a professional athlete."

More than 7,800 people "liked" this. Hundreds more responded with comments and added their endorsement to an earlier post extolling this year's Raptors as the best basketball squad "Toronto has ever had," a reference to the team's franchise record 49 wins.

Putting aside the vexing intricacies of how and why the Raptors crumbled in the playoffs this year, Ross's fulminations against his online critics bring up an intriguing question: Should professional athletes ever stoop to respond to the incessant tweets and blog post pot shots? And if so, how?

"No matter what, if you're a public figure, there's going to be trolls with their eyes on you," said Jessica Green, founder and director of Cursive PR, a social media marketing firm in Toronto.

"Generally I will say don't feed them," but if you must, "do it with grace, do it with integrity. I would say kill trolls with kindness."

Green tells her clients that, if they feel the need to engage fans online, it's important not to get caught up in a bitter back-and-forth. "Arguments just fan the flames," she said.

If you want to get cheeky, you should take your cues from someone like Kobe Bryant. When asked on Twitter about being a "selfish" player, the L.A. Lakers superstar simply tweeted that he won five NBA championships.

"He had an incredible outpouring of support for that response to someone who asked him kind of a sarcastic question," Green said, pointing to the 44,000 "favourites" Bryant's tweet received.

Contrast that with Ross's meme — Internet slang for a popular photo captioned with different variations of the same punchline. Green said she was less than impressed, because public figures should steer clear from ever targeting "a particular audience" in their online re-buttals, which in this case appears to be the decidedly un-athletic.

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LeBron: I have to be better

NBA FINALS

Cavaliers star says he has to do more to stop Warriors

LeBron James of the Cavaliers passes around Warriors guard Shaun Livingston during Game 5 of the NBA Finals on Sunday night in Oakland, Calif. THEARON W. HENDERSON/GETTY IMAGES

Wearing a leather Cavaliers cap and a steely look, LeBron James used his post-game platform to proclaim that he's "the best player in the world."

It's not as if his greatness was in dispute after five dominant games of these NBA Finals. James has shown no one challenges his on-court supremacy. However, while his game and confidence soar, James knows he must do even more, if possible, to stop Cleveland's inspiring post-season from crashing.

"I've got to be better," James said. Even that might not be enough.

Stephen Curry and the Golden State Warriors are one win from a golden trophy.

Up 3-2 in a scintillating series loaded with subplots and strategy, the Warriors can win their first title since 1975 on Tuesday night with a win in Game 6. James didn't blink after Game 5 when he declared he was not only the top player on seven continents, but prepared to raise his game.

"We've got enough to win it," he said. "I feel confident."

But so are the Warriors, and James' bravado — and his preposterous post-season statistics aside — won't matter if Curry, who found his stroke a few games back in Quicken Loans Arena, shoots the way he did in Sunday night's 104-91 win.

STAT LINE

After a 40-point, 14-rebound, 11-assist performance on Sunday, James is averaging 36.6 points, 12.5 rebounds and 8.8 assists in the series.

Curry scored 17 of his 37 points in the fourth quarter, when he answered every one of James' big baskets with stunning buckets of his own as the game's two biggest stars played a Finals version of "H-O-R-S-E" to the delight of millions of TV viewers and a sonic crowd inside Oracle Arena.

Curry showed why he was the league's MVP this season, setting the Warriors up to take home the shimmering Larry O'Brien Trophy. Curry was treated for dehydration after Game 5, but he's expected to be fully recovered as the Warriors try to finish the Cavs.

"We fought hard all year and put ourselves in good position now to go to Cleveland and hopefully close it out," Curry said. "We're confident."

James stands in Golden State's way, and clearly intends to do everything in his power to force Game 7. It's unfathomable to think James can give any more than he already has, but he has no choice.

"I don't put a ceiling on what I'm capable of doing," he said. "I know I'm shouldering a lot of the burden, but it is what it is." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RECIPE Moroccan Kale, Couscous, Goat Cheese and Dried Cranberry Salad

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Tip for this salad: massaging the kale makes it tender. This salad can be dressed hours before serving.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Serving size: 4

Ingredients
- 1/4 cup dried Israeli couscous (pearl pasta) or small ball pasta
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp maple syrup
- 1 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- Salt and pepper
- 4 cups chopped kale
- 1/2 cup julienned carrot slices
- 1/2 cup yellow or red cherry tomatoes sliced in half
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds
- 1/4 cup crumbled goat cheese
- 1 Tbsp chopped mint or basil

Directions
1. Bring a small pot of water to a boil. Add Israeli couscous and cook just until tender. Drain and rinse with cold water.
2. Combine olive oil, lemon juice, maple syrup, vinegar and salt and pepper for dressing. Add kale and massage with fingers for two minutes. Place on serving plate. Top with cooked couscous and remaining ingredients.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 210
- Protein 6 g
- Fibre 2 g
- Fat 11 g
- Saturated fat 3 g
- Cholesterol 5 mg
- Sodium 80 mg

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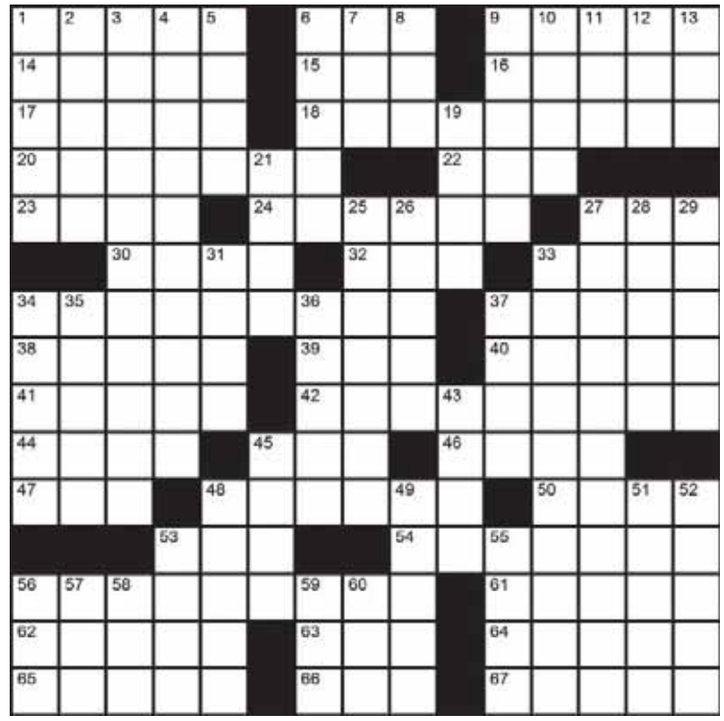
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Bronson Pinchot's "Perfect Strangers" character
6. Wary
9. Wetland
14. Mr. Alda, when in France
15. Teeny
16. Vietnam's capital
17. Assiniboia __ (Winnipeg horse racing track)
18. How Cartier and Champlain spent their time in Canada
20. Summer garb: 2 wds.
22. '_' __ in Eckville
23. Dionne Warwick's "Walk __ __"
24. _ _ _ (WWII naval craft)
27. General __ (Superman enemy)
30. "From Here to Eternity" (1953) actor, Philip __
32. 1970s President (Monogram)
33. Relinquish control
34. Barely a breath left to breathe: 2 wds.
37. Simon of Duran Duran: 2 wds.
38. Dispense
39. Air Supply's "Just __ _ Am"
40. Q. "Did Steven Tyler appear __ __-DMC's video for 'Walk This Way'?" A. "Yes."
41. Incisions
42. Terrestrial
44. Sardines containers
45. Eastern prov.
46. What 'Manitoba' has in its spelling: word + letter
47. Portion [abbr.]
48. __ Brook, Newfoundland
50. Essences
53. The __, Manitoba
54. Birthplace of Welsh poet Dylan Thomas (b.1914 - d.1953)
56. As per #4-Down... Music and Lyrics: Cyndi Lauper - Book: Harvey __
61. Ms. Rinna, and others
62. Allow in
63. Egg mass
64. Weight units in China
65. Blusher
66. Mr. Van Sant
67. City passageway

DOWN
1. George Thorogood & The Destroyers hit: "__ __ the Bone"
2. Take out _ __ (Borrow money)
3. Sport played at #33-Down: 2 wds.
4. Tony-winning musical on now at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto: 2 wds.
5. Acad.
6. Tidied the floors
7. Curse
8. "Sure!"
9. A young #13-Down
10. "Star __" (1977)
11. Cuckoo bird
12. Wee weekday
13. Farm animal
19. Trim
21. Grand Ole __
25. Canadian comedy impresario Mark
26. 'Labor __ Vincit' (Oklahoma's state motto)
27. Quickly-colonizing problem of fresh waters: 2 wds.
28. Febreze target
29. Canadian singer Mr. Doherty
31. Office phone lines [abbr.]
33. __ Park (Recreational attraction in Moncton)
34. Endures
35. Famous TV puppet
36. Visibly starstruck person
37. Lender's protection
43. Oslo's land, briefly
45. Station
48. Hereditary social class
49. Medieval labourers
51. Bluesy street in Memphis
52. Flip
53. Snoot
55. Sask. neighbour
56. Outlying
57. Bride's vow: 2 wds.
58. Aussie bird
59. Work unit
60. Indebted one's letters

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You seem to have a viewpoint on anything and everything and today's new moon will make you more opinionated than usual. Not all of them will meet with others' approval but since when did an Aries care about that?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You need to find a solution to a problem that has been annoying you. Most likely it has something to do with money and most likely you know what to do but have not yet found the courage to take action. Find it now.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
A new moon in your sign is a wonderful omen that, among other things, gives you huge self-belief. It is not a case of IF you will succeed but WHEN you will succeed, and with that kind of confidence it won't be long.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Your solar year is drawing to a close and a new cycle will begin when the sun moves into your sign next weekend. What you do between now and then is of huge importance. Be brave: chase that dream you have avoided.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Make contact with new people today. Because the new moon falls in one of the more positive areas of your chart you should have no trouble making friends. Group activities of all sorts are under excellent stars.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What you say and do over the next few days will make an impression on employers and colleagues. Make sure it is a good one. Let them know you're ambitious and ready for more responsibility. You will get it.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today's new moon suggests you have been in one place too long and need to move on. You need a bigger challenge, so don't hang around: get up, get moving and get a better life.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be suspicious of someone's motives but you must not say so until you know for certain that they are up to no good. If you make accusations you cannot prove you could attract the kind of attention you don't need.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A relationship may be giving you cause for concern but today's new moon will set your mind at ease. Put your differences behind you and focus on things that unite you, rather than divide you. It's still a match made in Heaven.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Make sure you are paid the proper amount for whatever tasks you undertake today. You like to help people out but that does not mean they can take advantage and take it for granted that you will work for next to nothing.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A creative or artistic endeavour will go well for you thanks to a new moon in the most dynamic area of your chart, not least because any doubts and fears you had are now firmly behind you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Do what you want today and don't let those who seem to do nothing but criticize talk you down. Keep self-doubts to yourself and act as if you cannot possibly lose and you won't.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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